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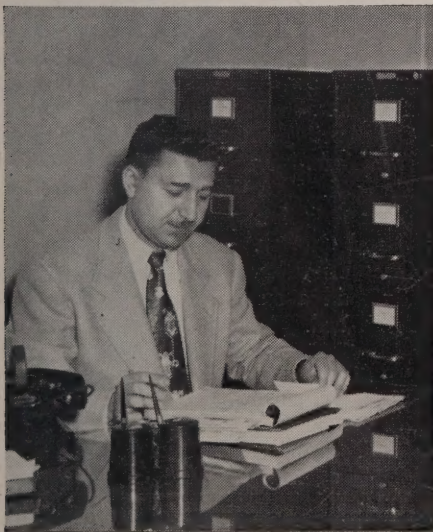
ALFRED ROSENBERG

The hospital is indeed sorry to say goodbye to our Chief Pharmacist.

Mr. Rosenberg is a native of Boston and a graduate of Boston Latin School. As a student at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Al was elected as Valedictorian of the Class of 1937. After some experience in the retail drug trade, he decided to "try out" hospital work and so, in August, 1945, joined the Beth Israel Hospital. Despite much advice that his work, once established in the hospital, would become boring, it became clear immediately that this was far from the true picture at B.I. With the help of a refresher course in hospital pharmacy work, Al took on new projects and expanded many old ones. One of the more tangible results of his work was a new hospital formulary published in 1948. This edition, written with the assistance of the Pharmacy Committee headed by Dr. Arthur Linenthal, proved to be a great success. Requests for copies have come in from all over the country.

Another tangible result of Mr. Rosenberg's work is immediately evident when one visits the new pharmacy itself. As a result of his planning and foresight, we are fortunate to have one of the finest units in the area.

Mr. Rosenberg has recently been appointed a Lieutenant, Senior Grade in the United States Public Health Service. We wish him great success.



CLASS OF 1951

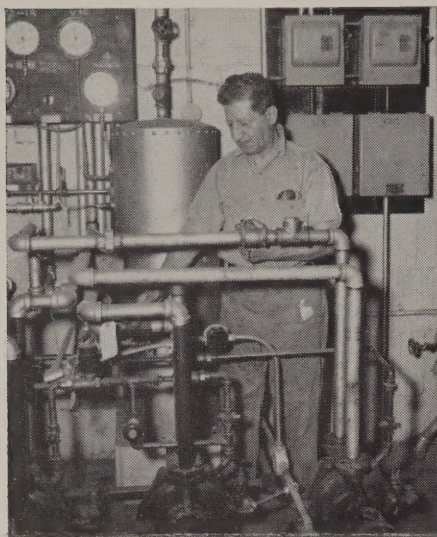
First Row (Left to right): Esther J. Lapides, Springfield, Mass., Iris Zundell, Worcester, Mass., Thelma C. Stewart, Brookline, Mass., Esther Druker, Roxbury, Mass., Fritz Zinger, Utica, N. Y., Charlotte R. Barish, Dorchester, Mass., Judith J. Citron, Middletown, Conn., and Judith Baker, Swampscott, Mass.

Second Row (Left to right): Ruth F. Katz, Manchester, N. H., Toby T. Brecker, Newton, Mass., Dorothy J. Helzner, Lynn, Mass., Tania E. Midman, Millis, Mass., Genevieve T. Modzelewski, Worcester, Mass., Gertrude W. Glickman, Allston, Mass., Mrs. Thelma R. Fried, Framingham, Mass., Mrs. Deborah M. Karlen, Holyoke, Mass., Ruth M. Benowitz, Springfield, Mass., Constance Gitelman, Brookline, Mass., Esther Garber, Lynn, Mass., Catherine L. Badolato, Everett, Mass., Jean A. Connolly, Stoneham, Mass.

Graduation and the preceding Baccalaureate Service mark the climax of the nursing year and are most important nursing activities. This year at the Baccalaureate held on April 27th at Temple Israel, Rabbi Klausner welcomed the graduating class and spoke of nursing the sick as a true vocation. At a reception held in the vestry after the exercises, the Misses Gilmore, Adams, Nataupsky, Rosen, Sawitsky and Miss Flash, the class advisor, and Mrs. Gilman, Mrs. Bailet, and Mrs. Brillard were guests of the class. After a delicious dinner, the Class Prophecy and the Class Will were read, and a monologue was given by Miss Benowitz, a member of the class. On Monday, May 7th, the graduating class were the guests at the last regular meeting for the year of the Beth Israel Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association.

On Thursday, May 10, Graduation was held at the Meeting House. The principal speaker was Dr. Fred Mayes, Director of Public Health of the Town of Brookline. The Kaufman Medal, given by the Kaufman family in memory of Mr. Henry Kaufman's mother, was awarded to Miss Ruth Katz as the student who attained the highest mark in nursing theory and practice. The Claire Sonis award, given by the Beth Israel Nurses Alumnae Association in memory of Claire Sonis, went to Esther Druker, who was chosen by her classmates for this honor. Constance Gitelman, the graduate who excelled in kindly nursing, received the Evelyn Levin award, presented by Dr. Nathan Levin in memory of his wife. The Women's Auxiliary also gave an award for kindly nursing, the Ernestine Prager prize, to Miss Evelyn Hornstein, a member of the Junior class.

PERSONALITIES . . .



HARRY FERULLO

Here is one of the many unseen workers of the Beth Israel, but in the power house, in the midst of the tremendous boilers, water lines and pumps, he's the boss.

Harry came to us in 1944 after a varied career in engineering. Starting in the mills of Lowell as a young man, he studied to become a Fireman, and then a 3rd class engineer. His work over the years, has involved steamfitting, plumbing, refrigeration and electrical work in addition to attending to the many details requiring specialized knowledge of steam engineering. Few people who have not actually seen the maze of pipes, conduits, signals, etc. in a modern powerhouse can comprehend what problems Harry and his crew face from day to day. There are modern aids such as an "electric eye" in the smoke stack to ring a warning bell when the combustion in the boilers is not just right. However, it requires skill and knowledge to know exactly the way to repair and improvise when necessary.

The hospital is fortunate to have men like Harry Ferullo serving us so loyally. Often taken for granted, their work is indispensable for the continued operation of the plant.

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MEDICAL RESEARCH NEWS

Personnel Dr. Benjamin Alexander has been appointed a member of the "Subcommittee on the Chemistry of Coagulation" of the National Research Council.

Dr. Henrique Benaim Pinto, Kellogg Foundation Fellow and assistant professor of clinical medicine at the Central University of Caracas, Venezuela will leave shortly for home after spending a year in the Medical Research Department here. Dr. Pinto will visit at the Institute of Cardiology in Mexico City before returning to Caracas.

Lectures On April 10, Dr. Arthur Linenthal spoke on "Quinidine and the Treatment of Arrhythmias" before the postgraduate course in cardiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital. On April 13, Dr. Benjamin Alexander lectured at the White River Veterans Hospital on "Recent Advances in Our Knowledge of Hemorrhage and Thrombosis." On April 17, Dr. Paul M. Zoll addressed a group at the Togus, Maine Veterans Hospital on "Coronary Artery Disease." Miss Greta Landwehr will present a paper at the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology on April 30. The paper, prepared in collaboration with Dr. Benjamin Alexander, is entitled: "Interaction of SPCA with Platelets or Thromboplastin in Prothrombin Conversion." Dr. Edward Meilman, on May 6, addressed the 6th postgraduate lecture course presented by the Massachusetts Medical Society. His subject was: "The Kidney and its Relationship to Toxemia of Pregnancy. Use of Protovetrine in Pre-Eclampsia."

Dr. Herrman L. Blumgart addressed the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Heart Association in Worcester on May 4th. His title was "Remarks on Causes and Treatment of Angina Pectoris." On the same day, Dr. Lester Tobin spoke at a meeting of Damon Runyon Fellows at the Memorial Hospital in New York on "Studies on Platelets." Dr. Stanford Wessler spoke before the New England Diabetic Society on May 28th. His paper was entitled: "Arterial Occlusion and Interarterial Anastomosis in the Presence of Gangrene of the Leg."

Dr. Blumgart has been invited to give the annual Lewis A. Conner Lecture of the American Heart Association. The title of the paper is "The Heart and the Thyroid; with Particular Reference to Radioactive Iodine in the Treatment of Chronic Heart Disease." and it will be presented in Atlantic City, New Jersey on June 9.

"THE RECORD SHOWS"

DAN O'CONNELL, Head Houseman, celebrated his 69th birthday on April 7. Dan has completed 13 years of service here in the Housekeeping Department — congratulations, Dan.

DOROTHY FRIEDMAN, Dietitian, was sent to Washington as the representative of the Massachusetts Dietetic Association at the recent National Civil Defense Conference.

There are two new arrivals in the Admitting Office — MRS. IRENE CARR who comes to us from the New England Hospital for Women and Children, and MRS. JOSEPHINE FICKETT, formerly of our X-Ray Department.

TRAVEL NOTES: EVELYN AVRUCH, Dr. Fine's secretary, and RUTH DARR, Social Worker, are busy brushing up on their Spanish in anticipation of their vacation to Mexico — Adios, Muchachas!

ANITA CLOSE and CHARNA RUTBERG of the Purchasing Department recently enjoyed a long weekend in New York City. This was Anita's first visit to the big metropolis.

CLIFFORD MASON, Storeroom, completed a two weeks' tour of duty with the Naval Reserve in the Bermuda Area during April.

SERVICE NOTES: JOHN COONEY, Maintenance, and ULDIS KRUMINS, Housekeeping, are our latest additions to the armed forces. John, hailing originally from Ireland, and Uldis, from Latvia, are now both in the U. S. Army.

ENGAGEMENTS: RHODA ROSENFELD, E.K.G. Technician, to Melvin Ginsberg of Chelsea. Wedding plans are being made for September.

WEDDINGS: BESSIE SCHLESS, Social Service Director, to Lester Henry Dana at the Belmont Country Club on May 11th. Mrs. Dana plans to return to the hospital in June on their return from a trip to Hawaii.

SAMUEL STEIMAN, Information Desk Clerk, to Gertrude Novak on May 7th at the Dorchester Plaza. The Steimans honeymooned in Atlantic City and New York where they appeared on the Betty Crocker Show and were awarded many useful gifts.

On April 1, CORINNE ANKIEWICZ, Tissue Technician, became Mrs. Edward Witkowski. The Witkowskis chose Canada for their honeymoon, visiting Montreal and Quebec.

Clarabelle, the famous TV clown, recently paid a surprise visit to the Children's Ward.

CALLING ALL NURSES

As the Beth Israel Hospital RECORD goes to press, the Hospital finds itself very short of nurses. We would like full time or part time nurses, particularly, through the vacation month ahead. Can you help?

MRS. WHITMAN NEW CHAIRMAN OF VOLUNTEERS

At a meeting of the volunteers of the Beth Israel Hospital held on Monday evening, May 21st, Mr. Israel Friedlander, President of the Beth Israel Hospital, announced the appointment of Mrs. Nehemiah H. Whitman as Chairman of Volunteers.

Mrs. Whitman is no stranger to the Beth Israel family, where she serves as a Trustee of the hospital and Honorary Vice-President of the Women's Auxiliary. Her new responsibilities will be to work closely with the Director of Volunteers, Mrs. E. Sugarman, and to assist in formulating and carrying out adequate overall policies for volunteer service within the walls of the hospital. She will make every effort to recruit volunteers wherever they may be required.

Volunteers are urged to enroll their names at once with Mrs. Sugarman, Director of Volunteers, BEacon 2-4400, Ext. 327. There is an urgent need for volunteers to serve in the Coffee Shop, especially during the summer months. Telephone your willingness to assist in this important service TODAY.

B. I. JUNIORS

This is not a fairy tale, but it has a "once upon a time" beginning. Many years ago a small group of young women gathered in the home of Mrs. Nehemiah Whitman, one of the dynamic leaders of the Women's Auxiliary. Hours later they left, filled with enthusiasm to serve the hospital.

The idea of a Junior Auxiliary was presented to this group of young women. In a short time the "idea" became a full-fledged organization, and from this small beginning has grown a group which has truly served the hospital.

The B.I. Juniors has a definite appeal to young women. It has a cause—the support of the Tumor and Cancer Clinic. It also offers an opportunity to belong to a social organization, one that has a lot of fun by way of its many social functions.

During the year 1950-1951, the Tumor and Cancer Clinic benefitted greatly from the earnings the Juniors made through a number of social functions. These successful affairs were due largely to President Leona Fine and her very capable chairmen. A paid-up membership barn dance, held away back in November, started the year off with much good will and warm feeling among the members. A dinner dance, held at the Latin Quarter on December 8th, added to the "glamour" which personifies the B.I. Juniors. A "Give and Earn" luncheon in January, held at Steuben's, increased the bank balance. Something new

was added in February, when two very worried chairmen watched more than four hundred women walk into the Dorothy Quincy Suite for what was to prove a most gratifying afternoon. This never before tried Fashion Show and Sherry Hour has become a blissful memory in the pages of B.I. Juniors History. The annual costume ball was held in March at the Hotel Beaconsfield, a large package of fun tied with B.I. Jr. spirit.

Also on the agenda throughout the year were several uncoupled dances, all held at the Kehillath Israel. These proved to be both a social and financial success.

At this writing, plans are under way for the annual Pops Night at Symphony Hall, for another "uncoupled" dance and for a Father and Daughter Breakfast.

Very busy are our B.I. Jrs.; very worthy is their purpose; very remarkable are their accomplishments.

THE MALE VOLUNTEER CORPS

The men's Volunteer Corps of the Beth Israel Hospital was founded at a time when personnel facilities at the institution were being reduced to an absolute minimum, due to the onset of World War II.

The first group of about 65 men attended instruction classes for 6 weeks and then set out to ring up a record of positive assistance that has been unequaled.

Consisting of men from all walks and strata of society the group was soon welded into a corps that has brought credit to the Beth Israel, and has contributed much to the relief of patients—nurses—doctors, and to the administration as well.

The group is specifically noted for its strict adherence to duty. Everyone of the Volunteers takes great pride in its attendance record—which shows an unbroken stretch of continuous service over a period of ten years.

Some of the men have given over 2000 hours of service—while not one has given less than 100 hours.

The main desire of the corps is to continue to work. Neither storms nor bad weather of any sort has kept the crew from reporting for regular duty. The corps considers itself an integral part of the hospital makeup. It is with much satisfaction that the group enters its second decade of service to the community. We are thankful to the hospital for the opportunity to serve. The many hundreds of letters that the Volunteers have received from the patients, offer the greatest proof that the work of the Men's Volunteer Corps has been a source of great satisfaction to all who come in contact with them.

SOCIAL SERVICE NEWS



The lady pictured above with Dr. Wilinsky may look like Miss Schless but she's really Mrs. Lester Dana. By the time this column goes to press, she will be enjoying the enchantment of Hawaii with her husband on their honeymoon. Miss Schless—or Mrs. Dana (we're confused) will continue as director of our department after her marriage.

Social Service recently had a party to say good-bye to worker Sue Beach, who is going to Val Halla, New York, and the Grasslands Hospital. The party was held at the home of Mrs. Beatrice Phillips, our casework supervisor. Sue has been with the department for about two years, and though we are very sorry to see her go, we wish her success in her new venture.

It is also with regret that we shall say farewell to Marna Darragh, who leaves in July for New Haven, Connecticut, where her husband, Dr. James Darragh, has been awarded a research fellowship.

PSYCHIATRY DEPARTMENT

Recent additions to our staff have been Dr. Howard Hermann, who joined the department on January 1, 1951, as United States Public Health Service Fellow in Psychiatry and Dr. Norman Zinberg, who began his duties here on April 21st as our second United States Public Health Service Fellow in Psychiatry.

During the month of April, Dr. Grete Bibring and Dr. Thomas F. Dwyer gave a two-day Work Shop on Psychological Aspects of Chronic Illness in Children to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Social Workers.

The collaboration of the Psychiatry Department and the Obstetrical Department in diagnosing and treating early psychiatric problems continues. Plans for similar work with the Pediatrics Department to begin in the fall of this year are being made.

AUXILIARY NEWS

At the annual meeting and election of officers held on Monday, May 28th in the Temple Ohabei Shalom, Mrs. Joseph Levy, President, read her annual report, which summarized the activities of the many committees of the Auxiliary covering the four-year period that she has served as president. She said that during her regime the balance of the pledge of \$625,000 for the maternity wing was paid to the hospital, and in addition, \$225,000 was given to the hospital for furnishing this new wing.

The stage is set for a new administration to carry on the splendid work of Beth Israel Hospital Women's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Joseph Levy, our dynamic leading lady for the past four years, will bow out and join her illustrious predecessors in continued devoted service to the hospital. Mrs. Sidney R. Rabb, who has played other leading roles in the community so graciously, will be our new president. We wish her well and pledge our loyal support.

HELP WANTED

GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS for our Patients' Library of good current books and magazines in English, Yiddish, Hebrew, French or German, and a few in Polish or Russian; or subscriptions to Yiddish or Hebrew dailies or weeklies. All special gifts will bear a plate with the donor's name. Workers needed, too. Phone Mrs. Leslie A. Pike, Chairman, LA 7-0855, any morning.

WANTED: Comic books, puzzles, coloring books for Children's Corner of the Out Patient Department. Call Mrs. Edward Sugarman, Director of Volunteer Service. BE 2-4400, Ext. 327.

SALESWOMEN: for the GIFT SHOP in the hospital. Surroundings delightful. Choose your own time to work. Call Mrs. Harry Alexander, Chairman of Volunteers, AS 7-2349.

OLD CLOTHES, bric-a-brac, shoes, etc., for our thriving **THRIFT SHOP**. Transfer your "don't needs" to their "do needs" for a good deed when you do your housecleaning this Spring. The proceeds go toward life-saving equipment for ward patients. Phone the **THRIFT SHOP**, LO 6-1822.

VOLUNTEERS to work on B.I.B., Beth Israel Hospital Baby Alumni Association. Phone Mrs. Charles F. Wilinsky, Chairman, AS 7-2042, or Mrs. Abraham Strauss, Co-Chairman, AS 7-7454.

WAITRESSES and CASHIERS for our Coffee Shop. No experience necessary. Hours 11 to 2 p. m. or 2 to 5 p. m., any day, Monday through Friday. This is for *you*, your college age daughters or their grandmas.



SURGICAL DRESSING GROUP

There are few if any hospitals that are as fortunate as Beth Israel in having such a loyal and hard-working group of volunteers. These kind ladies pictured above are the Surgical Dressings Group. They meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and their devotion to their work is truly remarkable. The Monday and Wednesday group is headed by Mrs. Rae Cohen and Mrs. Pauline Goldberg; the Thursday group by Mrs. Betty Epstein. These volunteers make quantities of different bandages and pads—such as Weston pads, peri pads, nasal strips and even oxygen masks. The masks are particularly interesting and useful to the hospital. Made of a transparent plastic material and simple in design, they have

proved both efficient and comfortable for the wearer. Many hospitals have requested the pattern and copied it for their own use.

The supplies made by the group are turned over to our new Central Supply and then, in turn, sterilized and given to the various hospital floors. It is fitting that mention should be made of the many years of loyal service given to the hospital by many of the members of the Surgical Dressings Group, particularly Mrs. Rae Cohen, one of its founders.

It is with deep appreciation of their continued efforts on behalf of the Beth Israel that the **RECORD** and the staff of the hospital salute the "Beth Israel Surgical Dressings Group."

